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The CIA document "Restless Youth" referred to in the Rockefeller report was delivered to Dr. Henry Kissinger, then Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, less than a month after he had taken office. It was forwarded in response to a January 1969 request by President Nixon for a study of world-wide student dissidence, and was a copy of a report submitted by the CIA to President Johnson on September 4, 1968.

The section on "Radical Students in America" (pp 25-36 of the report) -- which was not solicited as a part of President Nixon's January request -- comprises 12 pages out of the 264-page report. There is no indication in this section that it is derived from surveillance or any sensitive sources or methods. It does quote extensively from student publications and academic and sociological analyses, and traces the evolution of student activism in the United States in a way that suggests nothing more than normal research methods. The 46-page introduction (of which the section on American students is a part) to the report attempts a broad sociological and historical analysis. The remainder of the report is a series of country analyses varying in length from 2 to 23 pages.

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Director Helms' cover note to Dr. Kissinger dated February 18, 1969 flags the fact that a discussion of American student activism is outside the charter of the Agency. There is no indication that the section on American students was derived from unusual or illegal investigative activities or "domestic spying." Thus, it was assumed that Director Helms' cautionary note was directed at emphasizing that it was not within the Agency's charter to do analyses on American student activities, rather than any implication that the analysis itself was based on illegal or improper investigative activities.

On December 23, 1974, the State Department Spokesman said "with regard to alleged domestic surveys of American citizens, the Secretary has never seen any surveys of American citizens by the CIA and he doesn't know if any such surveys exist." That statement stands, as does his May 5, 1975 statement to newsmen to the effect that since he has been in Washington, the NSC or the NSC staff or the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs did not concern themselves with domestic intelligence or were not informed about domestic intelligence.

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